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Chairman Michael Powell
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: WT 02-55 (*Public Safety Interference in the 800 MHz Band*)

Dear Chairman Powell,

As state representative for District 45, I represent more than 140,000 residents and the public safety offices that protect them. I know how critical public safety communication is to emergency response. Without clear, reliable communications, the safety of first responders and the people they protect is at risk.

It has come to my attention that in some major metropolitan areas, interference in the 800 MHz band has impeded first responders with garbled, lost and dropped calls. Two of the counties which I represent, Caldwell and Hays, are fast growth counties and all three of the counties in District 45 border Travis county which has a population of well over 800,000. I ask that you not wait until District 45 experiences 800 MHz problems, and take action now.

The Commission has pledged to the police, fire and EMS personnel across the country that resolving interference is of highest priority. I hope that you and your fellow Commissioners listen to public safety organizations and implement the Consensus Plan.

We are fortunate a tragedy has not yet occurred due to communications failures. Please do not wait until something happens. We need action now. We need the Consensus Plan.

Sincerely,

Patrick Rose

Representative Patrick Rose
Texas House of Representatives
District 45

CC:

Commissioner Abernathy

Commissioner Adelstein

Commissioner Copps

Commissioner Martin